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SUBJECT: AGRIBUSINESS SEMINAR MISSION

1. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND MINES OF CAMEROON HAS AGREED TO SPONSOR JOINTLY WITH EMBASSY THE AGRIBUSINESS SEMINAR MISSION. CHAMBER IS GOVERNMENT SUPPORTED ORGANIZATION THAT PERFORMS A LIAISON FUNCTION BETWEEN GURC AND PRIVATE ENTERPRISE IN CAMEROON. WE BELIEVE IT IS MOST APPROPRIATE ORGANIZATION TO SHARE SPONSORSHIP OF MISSION WITH EMBASSY . CHAMBER HAS AGREED TO MAKE AVAILABLE CONFERENCE ROOM IN ITS BUILDING IN DOUALA, AND SEMINAR NOW SCHEDULED TO BE HELD THERE CHAMBER WILL ALSO HOST RECEPTION OF SIMILAR FUNCTION DURING DOUALA PORTION OF MISSION.

2. COST OF CONFERENCE ROOM AT MONT FEBE HOTEL YAOUNDE IS CFA 500 PER PERSON PER DAY (APPROXIMATELY TWO USD). COST OF REFRESHMENTS (COFFEE, TEA, SOFT DRINKS, COOKIES) FOR MORNING AND/OR AFTERNOON BREAKS OF SEMINAR IS CFA 200 PER PERSON PER BREAK. SPECIAL ROOM PRICES WITH 20 PERCENT DISCOUNT AT MONT FEBE ARE AS FOLLOWS: SINGLE, UNCLASSIFIED

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CFA 5,280, DOUBLE CFA 6,560, SUITE CFA 14,000. IN DOUALA COST OF BOTH SINGLE AND DOUBLE AT AKWA PALACE IS CFA 6,000 AND SUITE IS CFA 10,000. (240 CFA TO ONE U.S. DOLLARES).

3. IF USDOC CONCURS EMBASSY IS PLANNING ORGANIZE BRIEFING IN DOUALA BY PROMINENT LOCAL BANKERS AND BUSINESSMEN ON CAMEROONIAN ECONOMY. SUGGEST MISSION MEMBERS CONSIDER HOSTING LUNCHEON TO IMMEDIATELY

FOLLOW BRIEFING. BRIEFING WILL BE INVALUABLE OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS TO OBTAIN VIEWS OF PROMINENT PRIVATE CAMEROONIAN BUSINESSMEN. PLEASE ADVISE.

4. TENTATIVE SCHEDULE PLANNED BY EMBASSY CALLS FOR SEMINAR TO BE PRESENTED FEB. 21 IN YAOUNDE AND FEB. 22 IN DOUALA. FEB 20 IN YAOUNDE WILL BE DEVOTED TO EMBASSY BRIEFING, INTERVIEW WITH PRESS, AND BUSINESS AND COURTESY CALLS WITH GURC OFFICIAL . FEB. 23 AND 24 IN DOUALA PLANNED FOR BRIEFING BY BUSINESSMEN AND INDIVIDUAL BUSINESS APPOINTMENTS. ON SAT. FEB. 25 MISSION MAY VISIT CAMEROON DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION IN VICTORIA, WHICH IS VERY LARGE AGRICULTURAL FIRM EMGAGING IN RUBBER, PALM, AND TEA PRODUCTION. SUNDAY FEB. 26 WILL BE FREE.

5. ADVISE ON AVAILABILITY REPRESENTATION FUNDS AS AMBASSADOR AND CONSUL WOULD LIKE HOST RECEPTIONS FOR MISSION MEMBERS, MOST PROBABLY ON FEB 20 IN YAOUNDE AND FEB 22 IN DOUALA.WE WOULD ESTIMATE RECEPTION TO COST DOLLARS 250,00 EACH AND LUNCHEOND DOLLARS 500,00 FOR A TOTAL DOLLARS 1000.00.

6. PLEASE ADVISE URGENTLY WHEN WE MUY EXPECT RECEIVE BROCHURE AND TECHNICAL PAPERS. WE WOULD LIKE RECEIVE AT LEAST 250 BROCHURES. WILL NEED BROCHURES WHEN MAKING PRE-SEMINAR CALLS AND TO ENCLOSE WITH INVITATIONS TO SEMINAR. USDOC SHOULD PLAN ON AT LEAST THREE WEEK LEAD TIME FOR CAMEROON PRINTING OF TECHNICAL PEAPERS.

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